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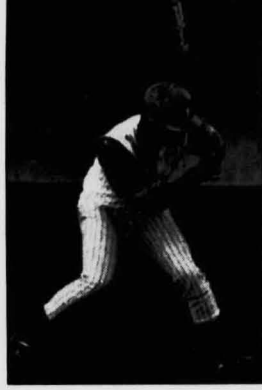


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Lookin' good



Frank Annino, The Spartan Barber, listens as Jason Yeske compliments him on his haircut. Yeske has been a faithful customer of The Spartan Barber since he attended San Jose

State University in the early '90s. The Spartan Barber is located on South Fourth Street. See page 8 for related story.

Grayson West/ Spartan Daily

Clinton issues Iraq warning

President draws line in sand over denied U.N. weapons inspections

By Ed Oberweiser
Staff Writer

President Clinton said Tuesday that military force is sometimes the only answer and the United States will strike Iraq more than once if necessary to achieve its goals.

Clinton's explanation to the American people of the need for a military strike prompted a statement from Iraq.

Iraq pledged to make "all serious and legitimate efforts" to peacefully resolve the crisis over U.N. weapons inspectors being denied access to suspected weapons sites.

The United States and Britain have threatened air strikes if Baghdad does not allow unrestricted inspections.

Some San Jose State University students and a professor are opposed to U.S. military action.

"If the U.S. attacks, more people will get killed and they will be civilians who have nothing to do with the military," said Osama Eaidan, SJSU computer engineering student from

the Sudan.

Management of Information Systems major Helen Nguyen said she is worried about bombs possibly hitting unknown weapons sites and innocent people being killed.

"As an anthropologist I'm appalled at the lack of discussion and presentation of alternative perspectives in the media," anthropology professor Carol Mukhopadhyay said.

"Discussion of another way to work this out should be enough," said SJSU senior Sandy Trinh, a management of information systems major. "The U.S. definitely shouldn't bomb Iraq."

Ken Nuger, associate professor of political science, said he can't tell whether Hussein will change his position or not.

"Saddam Hussein is such a weird bird you can never tell what is going to happen," said Nuger.

The council statement said Iraq hopes Annan will be "in a situation that will enable him to reach a balanced political solution."

Saying he still hopes for a diplomatic solution, Clinton said it must be "a genuine solution and not simply one that glosses over the remaining problem."

"A diplomatic solution must

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Charles Schwab officer delivers goods Alumnus' thesis shines

By Mindy Leigh Griser
Staff Writer

Dawn Lepore, executive vice president and chief information officer of Charles Schwab and Co. Inc., gave some advice to students who are planning computer-related careers.

She explained a little about the Schwab company and gave Management Information Systems students insight on what it takes to be successful in the information technology industry on Tuesday at the MIS club meeting in Morris Dailey Auditorium.

Lepore has been with the Schwab company for 15 years and started out as a first level manager.

According to Lepore, Schwab is the largest on-line financial

services company, and it is rapidly growing.

Schwab currently has 1,005 employees and has hired 532 employees in the past 18 months alone, Lepore said.

Lepore talked about the concepts and philosophies that have made the Schwab company so successful.

These issues are helpful to students who are planning a future in information technology, according to Lepore.

"Technology is constantly changing and it is up to you to be on top of such changes," Lepore said.

Students who attended the event found Lepore's speech to be very refreshing compared to some of the past speakers that they have had.

"She was able to target her audience and speak to us in

terms that we could understand," said Gabrielle Ferranti, president of the MIS club. "She did a great job of explaining to us what her job consists of and what we can expect from a job in the IT (information technology) industry."

Many speakers in the past have spoken on an advanced technical level, making it difficult for students who are new to the program to understand.

"I have heard 20 to 30 speakers from the IT business and she has been one of the better ones because she was funny, interesting and easy to follow," Ferranti said.

The next Management Information Systems speaker will be from EDS (Electronic Data Services) and is scheduled for March 4.



Dan Frohlich/ Spartan Daily

SJSU student Jack Chow asks Charles Schwab's Chief Information Officer Dawn Lepore a question after her meeting with the Management Information Systems group Tuesday at Morris Dailey Auditorium.

Bumper crop for university private fundraising

By Doug Burkhardt
Staff Writer

A record \$11.9 million in funds were raised by San Jose State University for the 1996-97 yearly quarter, an increase of nearly 200 percent since 1990.

California State Universities as a whole received a record \$173 million in private donations, which is an increase of 75 percent over the last six years.

"It shows the direction that fundraising has gone," CSU Media Relations Manager Ken Swisher said. "It has become much more of a priority at the campus level and systemwide than it had been previously."

Swisher said public schools have adopted the philosophies that many private schools use.

"Traditionally, fundraising has not been as high a priority as it has been in private schools, not only in the CSU system, but in public education around the nation," Swisher said. "We've reached a point where public education realized state funds were becoming inadequate to provide a quality education. So our way to address that was to increase efforts in private fundraising."

SJSU, which raised in excess of \$4 million more than last year, recorded the second highest increase of all CSU schools. CSU Los Angeles had the largest increase.

"I would guess there was some large unusual gift awarded to CSULA," said

Swisher, speaking of CSULA's \$10 million jump in private donations from last year. "I don't know the specifics, but something abnormal happened. It is probably a large pledge or a real estate grant."

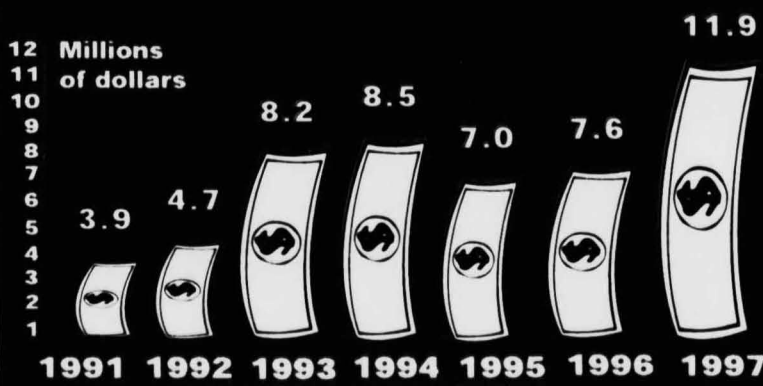
SJSU increased its private fundraising with a large gift or two of its own, jumping from \$7.6 million in 1996 to \$11.9 million in 1997.

"We've had many larger gifts in 1996 and 1997, like the Simpkins Athletic

Administrative Building," said Kathleen Quinn, SJSU's associate vice president for development.

Currently, SJSU ranks sixth out of 22 CSU campuses in private donations. Cal State University at Long Beach and San Diego State University raised the most money, earning \$25.9 million and \$23.2 million respectively. CSU Monterey Bay, which opened its doors in 1995, raised the least with \$460,000. CSU Hayward did a little better, earning \$1.1 million.

Private donations made to the California State University



According to Janet Redding, SJSU's vice president of university advancement, a handful of events raised funds for the campus.

•SJSU received \$3 million for the Simpkins Athletic Administrative Building located on the corner of Seventh and Alma streets. It was donated by SJSU alumnus Alan Simpkins, an electronics pioneer who worked with Hewlett-Packard Co., 3M and Systems Studies. The dedication for the athletic administration center was his last public appearance before his death on Sept. 11, 1997.

•The campus also exceeded its goal of \$8.3 million because of the addition of development officers in Humanities and Arts. "Development officers (in general) work with the dean to find resources, funds and equipment to suit the need of a particular college," Redding said.

•In addition to the Alan Simpkins Building and development officers, Redding said SJSU started three capital projects including the College of Business renovation project and the Heritage Gateways Developments. All helped the campus raise more funding than usual.

Redding credits the Simpkins Building the most.

"It was a great opportunity," she said. "The Simpkins' thought it was too good to pass up. The building is so close to campus, it is only two years old, it has parking and its (infrastructure) is a perfect fit."

Richard Vorst is on a roll.

First the San Jose State University alumnus received the Outstanding Thesis Award First Prize during the May 1997 SJSU commencement exercises.

Then he learned last month that he received the Distinguished Master's Thesis Award unanimously from the Western Association of Graduate Schools. He will receive the award and \$500 at the association's March meeting in Salt Lake City.

"I'm ecstatic, considering the number of people I had to beat to get this award and considering it was unanimous," Vorst said.

Gerald Selter, dean of the college of sciences at SJSU, said the Western Graduate Association of Graduate Schools has approximately 50 member schools.

"There's a lot of competition, particularly at the master's level," said June Oberdorfer, Vorst's thesis adviser.

Vorst said his thesis explored the ability of certain geologic materials to absorb or slow the spread of contaminants in ground water. His thesis specifically studied their effects on the chemical trichloroethylene, Vorst said.

Trichloroethylene is a cleaning solvent used to clean electronic parts, according to Oberdorfer.

Oberdorfer said trichloroethylene is a suspected cancer-causing chemical.

"This chemical is considered toxic at very low concentrations and is a common contaminant found at Superfund sites in Silicon Valley," Selter said.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, a Superfund site is an area the EPA designates as a threat to human health due to contamination from leaking underground storage tanks or abandoned hazardous waste.

Oberdorfer said it was a coup for an SJSU graduate to win the award because SJSU does not have

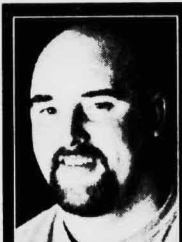
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COUNTERPOINT POINT

With the Winter Olympics in full swing, Daily editors' rivalry heats up over figure skating's status as a sport

Subjectivity leaves figure skating out in the cold

Figure skating is every bit as rigorous as macho sports



Aaron Williams

Figure Skating is graceful. It is elegant. It is athletic. But a sport in the classic sense of the word? Come on.

No, it falls more along the line of an athletic competition than anything else.

How can it be a sport when nearly every aspect of how a winner is determined is subjective?

Skating is political. Skaters themselves know it, coaches know it and fans know it.

Toller Cranston said in his autobiography "Zero Tolerance," "Every time I looked at the judges, they metamorphosed into grimacing Tolkienesque characters. I did not wish to be judged by them. I did not wish to have my destiny determined by such silly and superficial people."

Judges give skaters marks in two categories for each performance. They range from 0.0 for not skated through 6.0 for perfection. These marks are handed out for technical merit and presentation.

Technical merit is the nuts and bolts of skating. Skaters are given marks based on jumps, spins and step sequences. Fairly straightforward.

Presentation, on the other hand, is what turns a brilliant competition into a "how well did I kiss the judge's ass" contest. It is here that picking a winner would probably be in the best interest of fairness if they drew names out of a hat.

"Did the skater look comfortable and at ease?" is one criteria in which presentation marks are awarded. Come again? Look comfortable? I'm standing on a steel blade an eighth of an inch wide, I'm wearing a freakin' sequined costume that makes me look like a circus clown and I'm throwing myself into the air — doing salchows, lutzes and axels — knowing full well that a wrong landing could make my leg look like Joe Theismann's. Yeah, I'd be real comfortable. There are no criteria to judge the batter on how uncomfortable he looks when facing a 95-plus mile-per-hour fastball.

Skating proponents can argue that there is subjective nature in most sports. In baseball the umpire calls balls and strikes, in football the referee calls penalties and in basketball the ref calls personal fouls. This is not disputed, but ultimately the action on the field or court decides the outcome, a final score.

Boxing is the same as skating, a competition whose fate is held in the palm of judges. I still fume about the Leonard/Hagler debacle.

In baseball, the team that scores the most runs wins. The basketball team that puts the ball through the hoop the most wins.

In skating, judging is done on a solitary basis. There is no conference between officials to determine if Todd Eldredge did in fact complete four full spins. They get one shot to call it as they see it. At least a batter may appeal a strike call to the first or third base umpire for clarification.

According to a Feb. 16 Sports Illustrated article titled "Blind Justice," in the 1988 Calgary games, Canada's Elizabeth Manley out-skated both Katarina Witt and Debi Thomas, but didn't have the reputation of the latter two and thus captured only silver instead of the gold she probably deserved. In 1992, many observers felt that Paul Wylie would have won the gold over Victor Petrenko had the judging been based solely on what happened that day on the ice, but it wasn't. In figure skating, the judges are allowed to preview the skaters, in fact are encouraged to do so in order to familiarize themselves with how the skaters work on the ice. Is Michael Jordan prejudged on how well he shoots his jumper or Tiger Woods on how close he puts the ball to the cup?

I won't even go into the fact that after the Olympics, these skaters get paid to dress up as Woody or Buzz Lightyear and do the same things in "Toy Story on Ice" as they did in Nagano.

According to the same SI article, Oksana Baiul won the gold over Nancy Kerrigan in '94 in Lillehammer, despite Kerrigan's clear technical superiority. Said Ben Wright, a recent inductee into the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame and international judge for 22 years, "It was the old question of the presentation mark being the tie breaker. It's subjective."

Exactly.

Aaron Williams is the Spartan Daily sports editor.



Illustration by Lino Azevedo



Terri K. Milner

I first laced up a putrid pair of orange plastic rental skates at age six. In the ensuing 17 years, I wish I had a penny for every time I've heard, "Figure skating's not a real sport"

Vague reasons follow, but it all boils down to one thing: Men feel that any sport dominated by females — of which figure skating is one of the few — must either be easy or have a mortal flaw.

Figure skating is represented largely by women, both on the ice and on the sidelines. U.S. Figure Skating Association statistics show that 75 percent of television skating viewers and 85 percent of ice show patrons are women.

So men, the mother lode of those who maintain that figure skating does not deserve to be called a "sport," search and dig and hold on with dear life to ignorant fallacies bred from male chauvinism.

They resort to "typical maleness" by refusing to acknowledge skating's extreme difficulty and artistry. They turn instantaneously homophobic and say, "all guy figure skaters are gay" and instead cite short skirts and young shapely bodies as "the only reasons to watch skating."

Men understand numbers, not subjectivity. So baseball, basketball, football, et al. use a clearly defined point system to determine the winner. Well, *hello*. They have to due to the caliber and intelligence of their fans.

A common misconception is that figure skating judges just pull scores out of the air on a whim. Not true. There is a very definite point system in skating — it's just that more variables are involved. Tenths of points are deducted for spills and added for thrills.

There are scores for technical merit that take into consideration everything from falling to jump height, and scores for artistic merit that measure choreography and "polish."

And, make no mistake, there is none of the prima donna runaround in figure skating. Big bucks? B.S. Amateur figure skating carries a price tag of upward of \$30,000 per year at the higher levels. It was only two years ago that amateur figure skaters were allowed to be partially sponsored at all, much less make any money on tours and endorsements.

Even so, the only way for figure skaters to make any real money is to win an Olympic gold. Forget about going to the Super Bowl, losing and getting endorsements; in skating you have to go to the dance and come home with the medal around your neck to make any cash.

Michelle Kwan, currently at the inarguable peak of her amateur career, is certainly not making more than \$250,000 a year. Meanwhile, over at courts and fields across the nation, players are raking in tens of millions of dollars.

If winning doesn't happen one year, there is not another shot at it the next, as is the case in other sports (e.g. Super Bowl, World Series, etc.) In figure skating, it's the Winter Olympics or it's nothing. As such, many skaters who miss the medal rely on tours to earn a salary.

All sports have their own versions of sports afterlife. Disney's World on Ice is far better than old, fat Frank Gifford pontificating about the youngsters' on FOX. After all, those who can't, sportscast; but skaters just keep on skating.

Somewhere in determining a sport's merit, difficulty must be taken into consideration.

Nearly everyone, I dare say, could pick up a bat and ball and hit and throw. Even non-athletes could grab a football and catch a pass. Maybe not professional caliber, but that's not the point.

The point is that the average person cannot put blade to ice and even fulfill the *basic* requirements of the sport. Most cannot even stroke (that's push) around the rink properly when they skate, much less perform basic — and I mean very basic — jumps and spins.

That takes talent. That takes athleticism.

Now that's a sport.

The bottom line is that figure skating's recognition is long overdue.

For every new jump learned, a skater must fall a minimum of 800 times before it becomes consistent — not perfect, just consistent.

This is not a weak person's activity. This is a sport in which hardy athletes are required.

Skaters rotate two, three, four times around in half of a second, land on an eighth of an inch blade and glide backward on an outside edge that is as thick as a pinpoint.

But it's the precision and exactness, coupled with sheer athleticism and dogged determination, that make skating a real sport.

And the truth is, if figure skating were easy, they'd just call it hockey.

Terri K. Milner is a Spartan Daily co-executive editor.

Sparta Guide

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Weekly meeting with speaker, Dave Fong from Berkeley at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Almaden Room. For more information, call David at (408) 265-7442.

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Recruiting services workshop at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Costanoan Room. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at (408) 924-6034.

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Internships—Learn While You Earn, 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Guadalupe Room. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at (408) 924-6034.

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Co-op workshop at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Almaden

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CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Daily mass from 12:05 - 12:30 p.m. in the John XXIII Center, across from the SJSU Theatre. For more information, call Ginny at (408) 938-1610.

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Film: "The Story of Book One," at 7:30 p.m. at 410 Cambridge Ave., Suite C, Palo Alto. For more information, call Joe Feshback at (650) 853-0602.

EPISCOPAL CANTERBURY COMMUNITY

Dinner and discussion from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Student Union's Pacheco Room. For more information, call Anna at (408) 293-2401.

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Dorms: hotbeds of sex, drink and fun

Imagine this. You're an 18-to-20-year-old college student, fresh out of high school or junior college. Your hormones are raging, your parents are too far away to interfere with your life and you're smack in the middle of sin.

Welcome to dorm life. Please check your morals at the door and bring protection.

Now I learn that our dorms here at SJSU are filled to near capacity. Students packed like cattle in small and dirty rooms, snoring and snoring and doing all sorts of things to each other.

That's a lot of casual sex. That's a lot of cigarettes and beer. That's a lot of debauchery. They're probably loving every minute of it.

As ashamed as I am to admit it, I lived at Spartan Village for two years and enjoyed it. I know people who have been there for three (you know who you are, losers).

And as an ex-member of the Village People, I can relate to you the highs (no pun intended) and lows of dorm life.

Positive: Meet lots of new people, some good, some bad.

Negative: Those bad people are really bad and they tend to want to hang out with you forever. Keep some pepper spray handy and don't let them near your fridge.

Positive: Casual sex is alive and well in the dorms.

Negative: Drunken sex in small environments tends to bite you in the ass as you constantly see the person in the laundry room, the parking lot and at parties. Those with a low tolerance for uncomfortable situations and awkward silences will probably want to steer clear.

Positive: Breaking things in the dorms is not cause for alarm as they have a wonderful staff of maintenance personnel who are at your beck and call. I managed to break four phones and two

closet doors and put five holes in our walls without paying a dime. In addition, the fire extinguishers make great smoke machines at parties and are easy to get refilled.

Negative: Your roommates will probably frown on your destructive tendencies so either destroy your side of the room or do it when they are not home and blame it on a burglar.

Positive: No parents.

Negative: The Resident Advisers can be as bad if not worse than parents. All they need is a Doberman and a black uniform as they patrol the hallways and their look will be complete.

The best way to deal with them is to separate them and get them drunk and/or high. Take pictures and constantly remind them of what a compromising position they put themselves in and that you have proof.

Positive: The laundry rooms in the dorms are close and relatively cheap. You can put your filthiest clothing in the washer and not get yelled at by your mom and made to clean it out. For fun you can urinate in the washing machines of those you dislike and steal the underwear of those you do. Be creative, it's your laundry room too.

Negative: Don't piss anyone off or your clothes will smell like pee.

Positive: Bonding with your roommates.

Negative: Some roommates are not bondable. Housing has a sense of humor and tends to group the pot-smoking, out-of-work dirthead with the meathead who is going to be a cop and insists on doing his push-ups in the living room. Also, the rooms are smaller than they may appear and sleeping in the same room as a snorer who is less than odor-free can create problems.

Andrew Hussey is the Spartan Daily entertainment/lifestyles editor. His column usually appears on Fridays.



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• Theft of wallet from unlocked dorm room at Joe West Hall.

• Theft of parking permit in 10th Street Garage.

Feb. 13
• Stolen credit card and \$10 from unsecured dorm room in Markham Hall.

• Report of assault with a deadly weapon and vandalism at Theta Chi fraternity.

Feb. 14
• Stolen parking permit in 10th Street Garage.

• Vehicle vandalized in Lot 4 (ATM near Student Union).

Feb. 15
• Cell phone stolen at Valentine's Ball in Student Union.

• Vehicle burglary in Spartan Village parking lot.

Feb. 16
• Report of bicycle stolen outside Faculty Dining.

• Vandalism with brown paint on Wahlquist Library.

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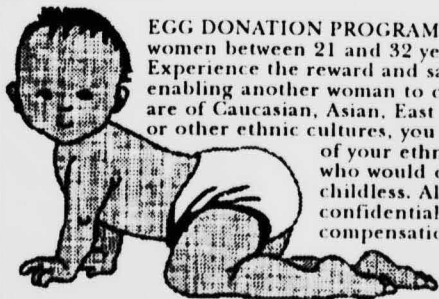
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SJSU professor receives award of 'highest honor'

By Jon Perez
Staff Writer

In order to look into the future, Randall Stross has to look into the past.

The recipient of the President's Scholar Award, Stross accepted his award by delivering his speech "Fortune-Telling: How a Historian in 2050 Might View Silicon Valley in the 1990's," Tuesday in the Student Union Barrett Ballroom.

The President's Scholar Award, first presented in 1973-74, recognizes excellence in research and scholarship. Along with the Outstanding Faculty Award, it is the highest honor given to faculty, according to San Jose State University President Robert Caret.

"Professor Stross is an educated person," Caret said, while commenting on Stross's articles in Fortune magazine and his authoring of six books. "He publishes at a level that any scholar would be proud of."

Caret said that Stross' ability to conduct research and bring it all back to the classroom is one of the reasons why he received the award.

Stross opened his speech by thanking the university for providing the necessary time and research materials that made his studies of China and the Silicon Valley possible.

He then compared the California gold rush of the late 1840s to the influx of small-business computer entrepreneurs of the 90s.

Even though comparisons could be made of the general attitudes of the two eras, Stross stressed that historians 50 years from now will have a hard

time chronicling this decade.

"Future historians will have meager materials to work with," Stross said. "This (historical archives) is the last thing on their minds for start-up companies."

With the fast pace of technology information, Stross said that not enough time is spent on developing archives. Companies are too busy keeping up with the world to take the time to provide detailed information. Stross sees this as a problem.

"History cannot be reconstituted by press releases and Web pages," Stross said.

Whether Silicon Valley would be seen as the beginning of a computer dominated age such as Detroit was seen in the automotive industry remains to be seen. Stross said that their is no Internet shortcut to judge Silicon Valley's legacy. Only time will tell.

Many in attendance were interested in what Stross had to say. One audience member commented on how her computer has become her diary and how it has the potential to record an individual's life.

"I think it was interesting that the possibility of writing history changes due to the improvement of technology," SJSU interactive media lecturer Lisa Jevbratt said.

A champagne reception followed the speech and people were able to talk to Stross one on one.

"It (Scholar Award) was the greatest honor that I ever received," Stross said. "It shows that the university appreciates scholarly work, and that is gratifying."

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— Randall Stross
SJSU professor

Iraq: Search for a peaceful resolution

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include a clear, immutable, reasonable, simple standard: Iraq must agree, and soon, to free, full and unfettered access to these sites anywhere in the country," Clinton said.

In an interview with Cable News Network, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz criticized Clinton's speech saying the United States has no authority to attack Iraq.

Aziz said none of Iraq's neighbors want it to be attacked while countries as far away as New Zealand, Australia and Britain are jumping to help the United States.

The statement from the Revolutionary Command Council did not offer any specific concessions that might avert a U.S. military strike.

The council's statement came as diplomatic efforts intensified to bring Annan to Baghdad. Five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council failed Monday to agree on a mandate for

Annan.

Representatives of the permanent members met this morning to try to narrow their differences. Additional meetings were planned today before a session with Annan.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said the diplomats were close to agreement.

"It is very probable that Kofi (Annan) will go, and go this week," he told London's Talk Radio. "We want to explore every avenue for a solution."

In Washington, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said the United States wants to make sure that Annan goes to Iraq "with very clear instructions" from the Security Council. He repeated demands that U.N. inspectors have access to sites throughout Iraq, including those that have been declared off-limits by the government.

"We want to make clear that he has a very unambiguous message to deliver," McCurry said.

At the center of the crisis are eight presidential compounds

that Iraq has put off-limits to U.N. weapons inspectors, saying they are symbols of national sovereignty.

The inspectors want access to the sites as part of their mission to oversee the elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, a requirement before crippling sanctions imposed on Iraq for the 1990 invasion of Kuwait can be lifted.

Iraq has been rallying the support of its Arab neighbors to thwart the building of a coalition similar to the one led by the United States in the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Bahrain — part of the Gulf War coalition — said today it will not allow the United States to use the island as a staging area for any air strike on Iraq.

Thus far, Washington has only been able to get a firm pledge from Kuwait to allow its territory be used in case of a flare-up of hostilities in the Persian Gulf.

AP wire services contributed to this report.

Bay Area's gas highest priced in nation

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Trick question: If your car burns a tankful of gasoline worth \$17.92 to drive from Los Angeles to San Francisco, how much will it cost to drive back?

The answer is \$21.92, and no, it's not because the trip is uphill all the way.

Filling up your gas tank in San Francisco will cost you \$1.37 a gallon, compared to an average \$1.12 in Los Angeles, and the explanation makes few San Francisco Bay area drivers happy.

With gas prices at the lowest levels since May 1994 — averaging \$1.05 across the country — Bay Area drivers are still paying 30 percent more for their fuel, according to the California State Automobile Association.

"There are many different factors why you pay more for gas," said Alan Kovski of the Oil Daily, a petroleum industry newsletter in Washington, D.C. "State taxes (in California) are higher on average than elsewhere in the U.S., and you have reformulated gasoline, which adds about 8 cents a gallon. And there are other factors, less tangible."

Among them, Kovski said, is the fact that while California is big, it is nowhere near the size of "the integrated market that goes from the eastern edge of the Rockies to New York City. That larger area has more supply and more competition, and these are the things that drive prices down."

For many of the same competitive reasons, motorists in Southern California pay less than drivers in Northern California. There are more gas

stations per square mile down south, real estate is cheaper and available sites for gas stations are more plentiful.

"Traditionally, the argument by the gas companies revolves around supply and demand," said Ken McEldowney, executive director of Consumer Action, the San Francisco consumer advocacy organization. "I'm very skeptical of that."

McEldowney said one reason gas prices in the Bay Area are so high is that "the independent gas dealers, those ones with the cute names, have been driven out of business. They kept the prices down. Now you have an incredible concentration of a handful of national retailers."

Few of these esoteric reasons, valid as they may be, mean much to the driver at the gas pump in a typical Bay Area station on a Sunday morning.

Most drivers simply accept the price and reluctantly pay the freight.

"They charge whatever they want to charge," accountant Russ Rosensteel said as he filled up his Acura at a Shell station in San Francisco. "It's way too high. I thought the fluctuation in gas prices used to be driven by the economy. Now there's no rhyme or reason to it."

Not far from him, Texas attorney Ray Hill, filling up his rented Ford Taurus, watched the dollar signs spinning upward on the gas pump and said simply, "I'll be glad to be back in the land of 99-cent gas."

Department gift totals \$500,000; creative writing program targeted

By Suzanne Ferrante
Staff Writer

A \$500,000 endowment fund has been established by San Jose State University alumna Connie Lurie and her husband Robert to support an Author-in-Residence program through the Department of English.

"A lifetime love of reading is what prompted us to select the English Department, and Dean Crane was very interested and persuasive about having an Author-in-Residence program," Lurie said.

The grant will enable SJSU to invite nationally and internationally known authors to write, teach and speak on campus for a semester or for the academic year. Next spring, the "Lurie Professor" will also give at least one public reading, lecture or colloquium, which will be printed in a limited signed edition by the Center for Literary Arts.

"President Caret is a dynamic leader with energy and vision," Lurie said. "We felt that the time was right to make a bigger contribution to show support for what he is doing on campus. By giving a financial gift to San Jose State, it is a way of saying

'thank you' to all of the wonderful teachers that were there for me and are now there for the students today."

Vice President of University Advancement, Janet Redding, worked with Jack Crane, dean of the College of Humanities and the Arts, in writing up the proposal to build a strong Creative Writing Program.

Redding said that the Creative Writing Program needs a strong core with visiting authors who spend most of their time writing either plays, poems or novels.

Jack Haeger, who chairs the English department, said that the Lurie Professor has not been chosen yet.

The Lurie Professor will be chosen from nominations submitted to a committee of English faculty members along with an approval of Dean Crane.

"The Creative Writing faculty will decide this spring or next fall. It won't begin until next year," Haeger said. "We are all very upbeat and quite happy to be recognized."

Redding said that the Luries are the same family that owned the San Francisco Giants from 1978 to 1993.

"They come from a family of

Luries, who have had a history of being philanthropic," Redding said. "Families tend to pass that tradition along."

The 1964 graduate and her husband began contributing money to SJSU about 15 years ago.

They have been involved in supporting the College of Science with individual scholarships (Lurie Scholars) and the Achievement Reward for College Scientists (ARCS scholars). Funds were also given to the Athletic department during the 1980s for the Sparta Walk for Women and when they brought the Giants down to play against the SJSU baseball team.

The Luries have also contributed to the Heritage Gateway Campaign, the privately funded project to build eight gateways or arches around the perimeter of the campus.

Lurie, who majored in psychology and elementary education, is an active member of the President's Advisory Board and also serves on other business and community boards including for profit and non-profit organizations.

"We look forward to attending the lectures and programs," Lurie said.

Vorst: Alumnus opens business

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a reputation as a top research institution.

Serena Stanford, associate vice president of graduate studies, said the association includes Stanford University, California Institute of Technology, all branches of the University of California, the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary and the University of Alaska.

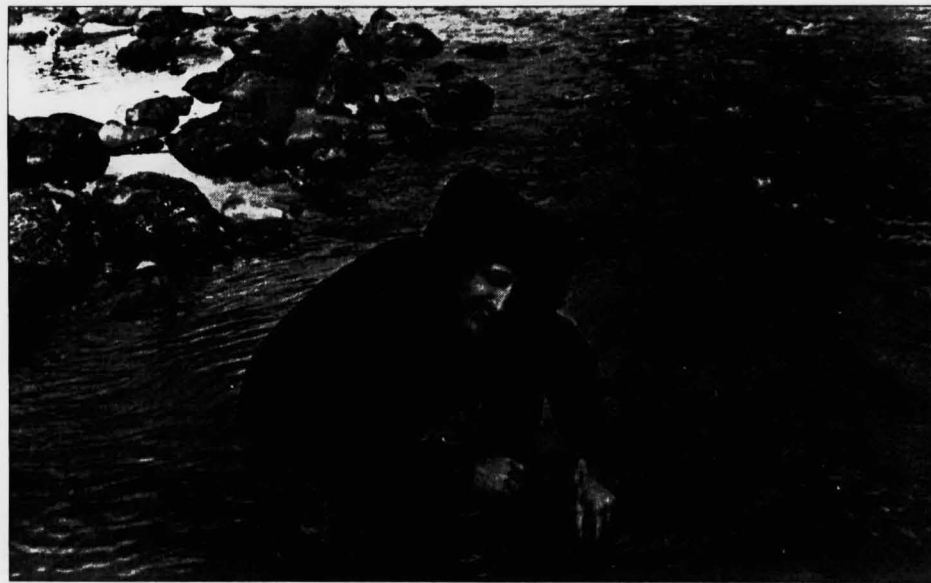
"Not only does this speak strongly about the quality of our faculty and students, it also enhances the level of distinction that has been bestowed upon the university," Selter said.

Elizabeth Feetham, secretary-treasurer of the association, said only candidates from schools that don't offer doctorate programs are considered for the award.

Both Selter and Oberdorfer said Vorst's thesis could provide helpful information for personnel cleaning up hazardous waste sites or trying to divert trichloroethylene from ground water.

Vorst said he has opened his own environmental consulting business since receiving his master's degree from SJSU.

Vorst received his bachelor's degree in geology from SJSU in 1986 and his master's degree in 1996.



J. Edmund Niese/Spartan Daily

SJSU alumnus Richard Vorst performed many ground-water tests in rivers such as this one, the Guadalupe River, while writing his master's thesis. Vorst's thesis recently received the

Distinguished Master's Thesis Award from the Western Association of Graduate Schools. He will receive the award and \$500 at the association's March meeting in Salt Lake City.

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Pioneers blaze home run trail on Spartans

Hayward long ball proves too much for SJSU to overcome

By Aaron Williams
Sports Editor

Two three-run "Butterfinger" home runs and the ability to wiggle out of a jam were all the Pioneers needed.

Cal State Hayward first baseman Travis Hoechlin — the third batter of the game — took a pitch from San Jose State University pitcher Ryan McDermott and launched it over the fence. The ball sailed over the Butterfinger candy sign in left-centerfield for the first three-run blast of the day for the Pioneers in their 8-6 win over the Spartans.

"I was trying to stay aggressive," Hoechlin said of his Earl Weaver special. "He hung a curveball and I jumped on it."

So did Art Diaz. Hoechlin, who went 4-for-5 with three RBI's and three runs scored, singled to start off the Hayward six, followed by a Ray Marroquin single, setting the table for Diaz. He took a pitch from SJSU relief pitcher Chris Sherman, and sent it sailing in almost the same spot as Hoechlin's first inning bomb.

The second homer and a second inning RBI single by Jason Brooks gave Hayward all eight runs it would need to hold off SJSU.

Before Diaz went yard, the Spartans had managed to chip away at the Pioneers lead. They tallied single runs in the second, fourth and fifth innings, but couldn't seem to get the key hit to keep the rallies going.

"We just couldn't put hits

together in crucial situations," SJSU second baseman Tony James said.

From the fourth through the ninth inning, the Spartans had men on base. Each of these innings they had someone in scoring position — a runner on either second or third base — but couldn't find a way to score in bunches. James, had three RBI's on the day including a sacrifice fly in the fifth, when

enth, making the score 8-4.

In the bottom of the ninth, Brian Forman singled and stole second base, advancing to third on an error on the throw from the Pioneer catcher. James grounded out to third, scoring Forman. Casey Chesier struck out for the second out. Jon Lauderdale was hit by the Hayward pitcher, Chris Dazzi, who then walked Rob Douglass. Kyle Richardson then singled to center scoring Lauderdale making the score 8-6. Todd Duncan then grounded into a 6-3 fielder's choice to end the threat and the game.

"We expected them (SJSU) to play hard for nine innings," Hayward coach Dirk Morrison said. "We tried to distance ourselves (early). Pitching ahead was big, we just pitched right at them."

Hoechlin said the early lead was a big boost for the Pioneers.

"Playing a bigger school can be intimidating," Hoechlin said. "Jumping ahead early gave us the confidence we needed."

Piraro was disappointed with the loss, but put it into perspective saying at least they had a chance to play and give some of their young arms a chance to experience "baptism by fire."

"They (Hayward) probably talked about needing to get off to a good start," Piraro said. "We had our chances."

SJSU was supposed to play the University of San Francisco, but "Lake USE" — the Don's field — forced the cancellation of the game. Hayward was a midday addition to the schedule.

The Spartans are scheduled to play UC Davis today at 3 p.m. at Municipal Stadium, weather permitting.

"They just had more passion today. It seemed it meant more to them than it did to us."

— Sam Piraro
SJSU baseball coach

Hayward leftfielder Paul Lodestine made an ESPN SportsCenter-type catch that robbed him of an extra base hit and SJSU of a chance to pull even or go ahead.

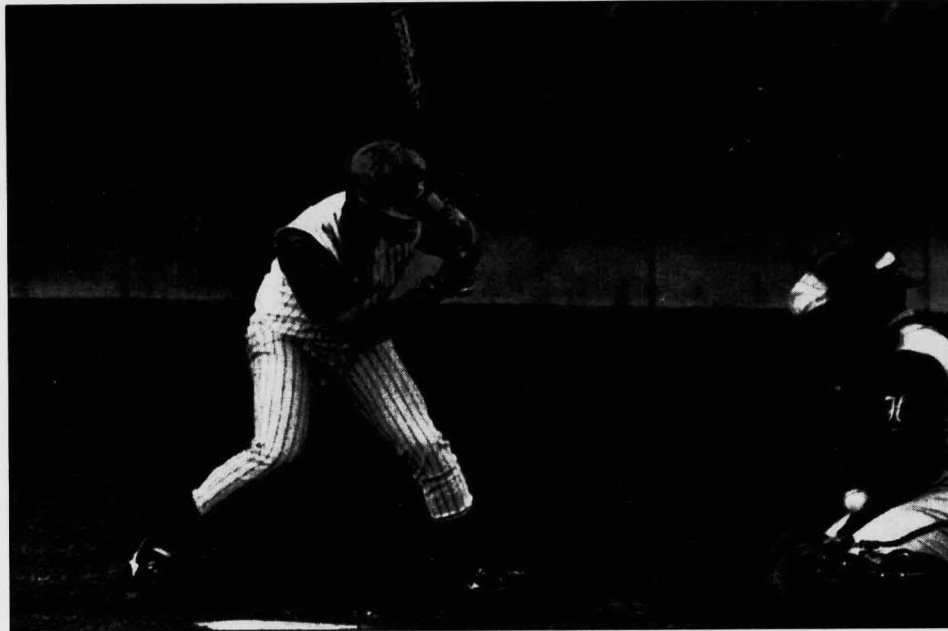
"They just had more passion today," SJSU coach Sam Piraro said. "It seemed like it meant more to them than it did to us."

He pointed to the Hoechlin home run as to what kind of day it was for SJSU.

"Their good start put us in a defensive mode," he said, adding, "I felt we could have been hungrier."

The Spartans loss wasn't for lack of trying, however. After Hayward completed its scoring the Spartans started chipping into the Pioneer lead — again.

SJSU got an RBI single from James in the bottom of the sev-



Brian Prince/Spartan Daily

SJSU Designated Hitter, Rob Douglass, allows a bad pitch to pass by him as the Cal State Hayward catcher Ray Marroquin tries to not let the ball get past him.

Baseball In The Box

HAYWARD	AB	R	H	RBI
Mandolesi cf	4	0	1	0
Brooks ss	3	1	0	1
Niles 3b	5	1	1	0
Hoechlin 1b	5	3	4	3
Edmonds dh	5	0	2	1
Strong pr	0	0	0	0
Marroquin c	5	1	1	0
Diaz 2b	4	1	1	3
Cabassi rf	4	1	1	0
Hernandez lf	0	0	0	0
Lodestine lf	5	0	1	0
Jones p	0	0	0	0
Alvarez p	0	0	0	0
Mackie p	0	0	0	0
Dazzi p	0	0	0	0

SJSU	AB	R	H	RBI
Lewis cf	4	1	2	0
Forman ss	4	1	1	0
James 2b	4	0	1	3
Chesier 1b/3b	5	1	1	0
Lauderdale lf	3	2	1	0
Douglass dh	4	0	1	1
Canale 3b	2	0	0	0
Richardson ph/1b	3	0	2	1
Duncan rf	3	0	1	0
Wright c	3	1	1	0
Chutuk ph	0	0	0	0
Hamilton c	0	0	0	0
McDermott p	0	0	0	0
Sherman p	0	0	0	0
Rogelstad p	0	0	0	0

Hayward	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jones	4.1	6	3	3	0	1	17	18
Alvarez	2.2	3	1	1	2	2	10	14
Mackie	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	3	5
Dazzi	1.0	2	2	1	1	1	5	7

SJSU	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
McDermott	4.0	4	4	3	1	4	17	18
Sherman	2.0	5	4	4	1	2	11	12
Rogelstad	3.0	3	0	0	3	3	12	15

	R	H	E
Hayward	3	0	1
SJSU	0	1	0

Jones, Alvarez (5), Mackie (8), Dazzi (9) and Marroquin; McDermott, Sherman (5), Rogelstad (7) and Wright, Hamilton WP — Jones (1-0), LP — McDermott (1-1) Records: Hayward 1-1, SJSU 4-4 T — 255, A — 37.

U.S. women take hockey gold

Female hockey nets 'Miracle On Ice' II

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — After taking America's first Olympic hockey title since 1980's "Miracle On Ice," the champions donned their gold medals and clutched their flowers.

Flowers?

The U.S. women's team, with an emotional 3-1 victory over arch-rival Canada, captured the first Olympic hockey gold for women — a hard-fought victory that brought smiles, tears, hugs, handholding and a group rendition of the national anthem.

"Let's get this party started!" shouted U.S. defenseman Colleen Coyne before disappearing into the arms of her teammates after the victory was sealed.

It was the second time in four days that the Americans had knocked off their northern neighbors, and the victory was in doubt until the end: an empty-net goal by Sandra Whyte with 8 seconds left.

The Canadians, after taking the silver, were less than pleased. Captain Stacy Wilson, her medal around her neck, put it this way: "When you see it's silver, it kind of kicks your butt."

Finland captured the bronze medal by knocking off China 4-1.

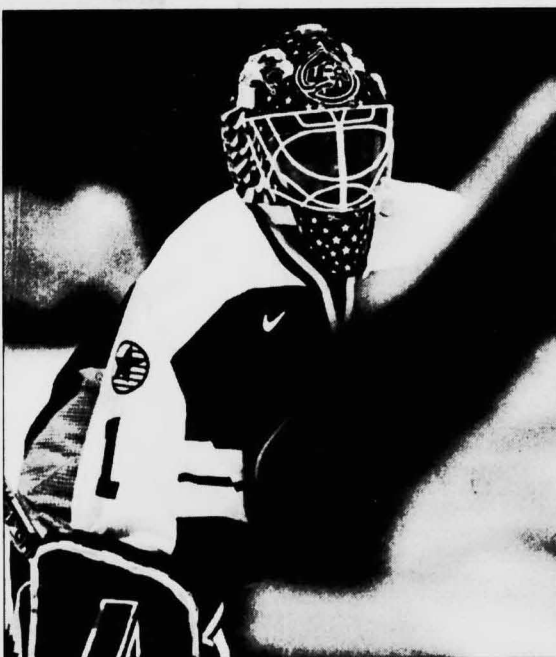
After a busy Tuesday with six medals, the Germans — bolstered by their medal sweep in the women's combined — topped the medals chart with 22 (7 gold, 8 silver, 7 bronze).

MEN'S HOCKEY

The Olympics are over for Ulf Samuelsson, though his Swedish teammates play on. Samuelsson's appeal of his ejection from the games was rejected Tuesday. The NHL defenseman holds a U.S. passport, which overrides his Swedish citizenship.

No penalties were assessed against his team.

"You can be the nicest man you want," said Francois Carrard, director general of the



Brian Prince/Spartan Daily

Sara DeCosta, USA Women's Hockey Team goaltender, anticipates a shot in an exhibition game played against Canada at the San Jose Arena in January. USA won the gold medal in Nagano Monday night (Japan time) against the Canadian team.

International Olympic Committee. "If you're not a citizen of the country you represent, you cannot participate in the games."

The single-elimination quarterfinals begin Wednesday. The match-ups: the United States (1-2) against the Czech Republic (2-1); the undefeated Canadians, the team to beat, against Kazakhstan (0-3); Russia (3-0) against Belarus (0-3); and defending gold medalist Sweden (2-1) against Finland (1-2).

Mr. (Joe) Smith goes to Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Golden State Warriors, fearful of losing Joe Smith as a free agent after the season, traded the 1995 overall No. 1 draft pick to the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday in a four-player deal.

Guard Jim Jackson and forward Clarence Weatherspoon were sent to the Warriors, who also shipped guard Brian Shaw to the 76ers.

"We had a chance to get a guy who was the No. 1 pick in the draft," Sixers coach Larry Brown said. "I don't see any downside in this."

Smith, a 6-foot-10 forward,

and Jackson will be free agents at the end of this season.

Smith, in the final year of an \$8.53 million, three-year deal, was Golden State's second-leading scorer behind the suspended Latrell Sprewell. He was averaging 17.3 points — down from 18.7 last season — and 6.9 rebounds.

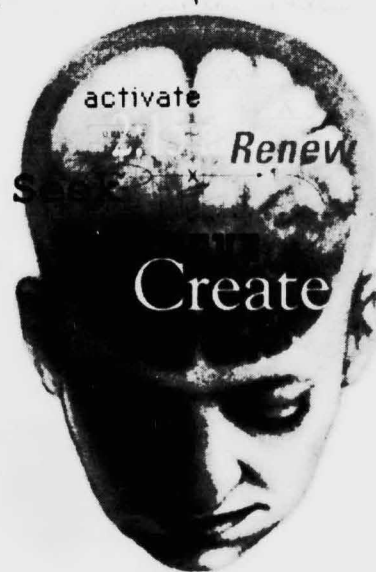
Jackson, the fourth pick in the 1993 draft by the Dallas Mavericks, was traded for the third time in his career. Dallas traded him to New Jersey, which sent him to the Sixers in the 1997 draft-day deal in which the Nets got the rights to No. 2 pick

Keith Van Horn.

A powerfully built shooting guard, Jackson's scoring average has declined every season since a career-high 25.7 with Dallas in 1994-95. He was averaging a career-low 13.7 points for the Sixers, who announced the deal about an hour before tipping off against Cleveland on Tuesday night.

"We're definitely going to miss Joe," former teammate Donyell Marshall said before Tuesday night's game against Portland. "We knew something was in the works for a while."

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Internet oddities bemuse, amuse

As Americans we are blessed with a special attribute — obsession with the inane.

There is a certain pleasure many of us find in swapping stories about bodily functions, dumb jokes and tales of general disgust. The Internet has taken this common bond to the next level — maybe even a few steps beyond — and shared it with the rest of the world. That's what America is all about isn't it? Take a shallow, inane idea far enough and it becomes entertainment — just ask the people at the WB.

But I digress ... being interested in what the folks at Yahoo (www.Yahoo.com) thought was "cool." I decided to follow their hyperlink to "What's Cool" on the web. Well, one of the first categories to come up was "disturbing trends." With the same inherent curiosity I have with car accidents and freak shows, I was up for some disturbingly "cool" action. What I found was indeed disturbing — but only semicool.

The name game

Among such categories as "Virtual Cow Tipping," "Elvis Worship" and "Sell Your Soul," what ended up being the most disturbing was "Requests for Baby Names." Here I was disturbed to find there are couples out there who are either too wishy-washy, too computer obsessed or equate the naming of their child to the novelty of a whoopee cushion. That especially applies to the hopeful young dolts that posted their page at www.strato.net/~bhpeters/. If you really want stranger's input on naming a kid, let them submit their own ideas. Don't reduce their choices to six mediocre girl's names and six lame-ass boy's names. Besides, if the name "Cody" is on both the boy's and girls list this couple has problems beyond naming a child — taste and originality namely.

However, for those of you who don't respect your unborn children enough to name them yourself, there is a page for you in the "disturbing trends" region of Yahoo. It seems the couple who posted their page at home1.gte.net/dokken/namebaby.htm has already given birth to little Daniel Riley. These folks have been kind enough to leave all the names

By James S. Gunsalus

Web Wise

submitted by the over 5,000 visitors to their page. I hope this couple enjoys explaining to Daniel that he was actually named after toothlesspervert@aol.com.

The vomitorium

From the baby name fiasco I found my way into the vomitorium at www.ourworld.com/serve/homepages/grc/urran/vomitum.htm. This little nugget is the epitome of shallowness and exemplifies the lengths people will go to display their collections of the inane. This creative fellow has quite impressively displayed his collection of 125 airsickness bags — with thumbnail photos. He also includes a trading post and directions on how-to-use links to other barfbag collectors.

Dinner is served

Enter the cult of "Ate my balls." No, this is not hard-core Internet porn. It's the culmination of sophomore boredom and rudimentary web page building. Basically, what we have is a few hundred pages titled "***** ate my balls." "*****" is who ever you want it to be. The content of the pages are simply a few still images of whoever is doing the eating and comic speak bubbles. For instance, the bubbled monologue on the Mr. T Ate My Balls page at www.cen.uiuc.edu/~nhpatel/mr.t/index.htm reads like this, "Gimmie those damn balls sucka." That's about all there is to it. Just good old finger-poking-out-of-your-fly humor.

If you're interested in seeing who's ball hungry on the net you can get links to all of them at www.mrev.net/mrzebra/atmyballs. The viewing pleasure of these pages falls flat after about three of them. If you must bare witness, "Barney ate my balls II" at www.prism.gatech.edu/~gt9431a/barney.htm is a good one to start with.

Thar she 'blows'



Dan Frohlich/Spartan Daily

In the city of Pinole Tuesday morning, a utility crew ruptured a six-inch natural gas line that caused a powerful explosion. The blast ripped through a two-story structure that housed a thrift store and government offices. Four people were injured due to flying debris from the explosion.

Fraternal twins born nearly eight years apart

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman who forgot about an embryo she had frozen seven-and-a-half years ago gave birth to a healthy baby boy from that embryo in what doctors called one of the world's oldest newborns.

The fraternal twin was delivered by Caesarean section at 1:07 p.m. Monday at Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long, hospital spokeswoman Kara Welter said.

The infant and mother were in good condition today.

The parents are from the San Fernando Valley but the names of the child, his 44-year-old mother and 54-year-old father were withheld to protect their privacy, the hospital said.

The embryo was frozen in 1989 after the couple underwent infertility treatment at a differ-

ent facility. The parents, who had a boy from the 1989 treatment, didn't know there were leftover frozen embryos from that procedure.

Last year, to their surprise, the couple received a letter from a laboratory asking what should be done with the embryos. They were in a freezer at California Hospital in the downtown area.

They decided to have another child, and doctors implanted the embryo in the mother.

And since the newborn was conceived on the same day but is from a different egg, he is actually a twin, said the couple's infertility specialist Dr. Michael Vermesh.

"They are fraternal twins, born almost eight years apart," Vermesh said.

Vermesh, who performed the in-vitro fertilization that created the embryo, said the parents

understood the risks involved in implanting an embryo frozen for so many years.

"They are a very intelligent couple. They understand the risks. They understand the situation very well," said Vermesh, head of the Center for Human Reproduction in Tarzana. "They understand that despite all the testing that we performed during the pregnancy, there is no complete assurance of the complete well-being of the baby until the baby is born."

Sonya Forster, a spokeswoman for the Centers for Human Reproduction in Chicago, a national chain of infertility centers, said a search of medical literature indicated that the baby was a product of the oldest-known frozen embryo.

Welter said doctors told her that if an older frozen embryo has been successfully implanted,

"no one has published any studies."

However, upon news of the latest birth, the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia announced that a baby born there in December was from an embryo that had been frozen about four months longer than the boy in Tarzana.

Dr. Alan DeCherney, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at University of California, Los Angeles, noted that the Tarzana birth wasn't a medical breakthrough.

"It's no big deal," said DeCherney, who edits the journal of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. Frozen human embryos have been used successfully to bring about pregnancies since 1984, he said.

The length of time an embryo is in the freezer matters little, DeCherney said.

Research questions effectiveness of sunscreen in skin cancer prevention

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A provocative presentation at a science conference Tuesday questioned the widely held belief that sunscreens lower the risk of deadly melanoma skin cancer, but specialists still caution against going into the sunshine without these lotions.

Sunscreens prevent sunburns, and since there is evidence that frequent burns, especially at an early age, trigger melanoma, many experts assume that using them should help ward off this cancer.

However, melanoma cases have risen dramatically over the last 25 years even as sunscreen use

became more common. The lethal cancer now strikes about 42,000 Americans a year, killing 7,300.

Dr. Marianne Berwick, an epidemiologist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, said her own study, as well as a review of other research, offers no convincing evidence that using sunscreens keeps people from getting melanoma.

"It's not safe to rely on sunscreen," she said.

Ten studies have looked at the question, she said at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting. Three of them,

including her own, found no link between sunscreens and melanoma risk. Two suggested that sunscreens seem to prevent melanoma.

The five others found that melanoma risk actually increased among sunscreen users — probably because people who use them most are already at highest risk because of light complexions.

Several dermatologists strongly disagreed with Berwick's report.

Until there is clear proof that sunscreens are ineffective, "it would be irresponsible to discontinue all recommendations about using sunscreens,"

said Dr. Darrell Rigel of New York University.

Melanoma may take 20 years or more to develop after excessive sun exposure. Some doctors argue that it is simply too soon to prove that sunscreens are helping, since No. 15 and stronger sunscreens have only been in wide use since the mid 1980s.

"If you asked 100 dermatologists, 95 would say sunscreen protects against melanoma," Dr. Jouni Uitto of Thomas Jefferson University said.

Still, these doctors cautioned against using sunscreen as an excuse to bake in the sun.

Drew Barrymore cleans up, fesses up

NEW YORK (AP) — If you believe Drew Barrymore, the 23-year-old actress hasn't exactly matured into a knockout screen goddess.

"My God, no! Look at me," she insists, turning her gaze downward. "Look at this. That's not sexy! I'm, like, such a geek. I'm not one of the hip people." Ah, who needs the hipsters, anyway? These days, Barrymore — the former child star turned hell-raiser — doesn't need to fit in. She's the very definition of post-rehab, freshly scrubbed cool.

Barrymore was a once notorious party-hearty vixen who closed her share of bars and flashed her breasts at David Letterman. Then there were her early struggles with drugs and alcohol that are the stuff of Hollywood nightmares: drunk by age 9, a coke casualty at 13 and a recovering addict at 14. By 19, she was married, quickly divorced and a Playboy pinup.

Things seemed to have tumbled completely out of control for the actress once dubbed America's Sweetheart following her debut role as the wide-eyed Gertie in "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial."

As if to demonstrate that child stars don't necessarily have to end up in a drug-hazed coma,

Barrymore has recently emerged from her dark teen-age years as a vibrant and approachable young woman ... and hardly a geek.

"There's a great lightness to her. And yet she also has a lot of wisdom, especially for a young girl," Frank Coraci, director of "The Wedding Singer," says.

And now, with three new, upbeat films and a maturity beyond her years, the gushy, charming Barrymore is finally the kind of girl you can bring home to Mother.

"I feel as old as the Stone Age," she says, laughing hard. "My past is such a great part of my life, but I like to live in the now. It's really just been a natural evolution. I keep trying to find my way."

After her embarrassing and much publicized battles with addiction and a painful year of institutionalization, directors more or less laughed when her name came up.

"One thing that really bummed me out big-time was that on a professional level people thought I would be problematic," she says. "That was so hard for me because I'm such a stickler for professionalism. I don't tolerate any ... ego or lateness. Never in my life have I had a problem on a set."

Now, she stars as the girl-next-door with Adam Sandler in the romantic comedy "The Wedding Singer." "I firmly believe after watching her work that she can do anything that she wants," Allen Court, who co-stars in "The Wedding Singer," says. "She has no fear."

"I feel great," Barrymore says, beaming. "I feel so unscrewed up. I always felt like I was on this hamster wheel, thinking, 'I've got to do this,' and, 'I've got to do that.' Now, I'm still on that hamster wheel but my priorities have changed."

These days, Barrymore is a spokeswoman for the Female Health Foundation, an organization that educates young children about sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies. She also volunteers her time to the Wildlife Waystation, a California animal sanctuary.

Growing up in the Hollywood fishbowl has slowly tempered those youthful and reckless nights of bra-tossing, vodka-soaked revelry, she says.

"You have to be smart about it. You have to think, 'OK, I can't do that. I don't get to go and have fun with people because I will be publicly judged and depicted and criticized for that.' And that ... bites," she says.

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Local barbers 'buzz' through time

By Sharon Parks
Staff Writer

The razors are sharp and the hot towels are steaming at Ken's Hubb Barbershop, The Spartan Barbershop and Licursi's Barber and Styling Shop, all within walking distance of San Jose State University.

Ken's Hubb has a big banner advertising beer strung across a wall, while a box on the floor is full of empty beer cans. Bumper stickers, movie posters, banners of racing cars and '60s music memorabilia crowd the walls of his shop.

"My father said I would never make anything of myself and took me to the barber to get my hair cut," said Ken Parker, standing in his South 10th Street shop. The barber told him he should go to barber school. He did and acquired his license when he was a high school senior.

Parker did a stint in the service for four years as an electronics technician, carrying his barber tools to "make a few bucks on the side."

In the spring of 1963 he first worked in the shop, buying into a partnership in 1967 and buying out his partner five years later.

Dressed in shorts, Parker, known as the "rock 'n' roll barber," sings to '60s music on the radio while cutting hair and telling stories of his past.

"Fraternity brothers at SJSU gave me the name 'rock 'n' roll barber' because of the music I listen to," Parker said. "I play music from the '60s because I don't like other music and don't trust any music under 35."

Parker recalls the changes he has seen at SJSU.

"When the frat system died off in the '70s, the halfway houses moved in and things changed. SJSU has become a commuter school," Parker said.

Current students, alumni and families are his clients.

One of his clients, Loren Lemmons, attended barber school with Parker. Lemmons went on to graduate from SJSU in 1977.

"He has been cutting my hair since he became a barber," Lemmons said. "We're friends. He knows by now how I like my hair cut."

Another old-time neighborhood barber is Frank Annino, owner of The Spartan Barbershop on South Fourth Street.

He started his business in 1957 after being discharged from the U.S. Army where he cut hair in the barracks for 35 cents per head.

Annino acquired the shop more than 40 years ago and sums up in two words why he has stayed in business: "quality and atmosphere."



Photos by Grayson West/Spartan Daily

The rock 'n' roll barber, Ken Parker, puts the finishing touches on Eric Centeno's haircut. Haircuts by the rock 'n' roll barber are usually accompanied by conversation and sometimes a song. Parker has been in business since the 1960s and only plays music from that era.

"My clients are mostly students, professors, policemen and judges who used to attend San Jose State University," Annino said. "My clients want good cuts in a traditional setting."

"Clients enjoy being taken back to the '40s and '50s," he said, referring to the music he plays from a 1970s boombox and the Norman Rockwell portraits

the top is cut to different lengths.

"I've been coming here about a year off and on," said Travis Walter, a teamster. "It's the best damn haircut on the planet."

Setting might go a long way, but it's all in the cut, according to barbershop patrons.

"I've been coming here about six months," said Mik Antonelli, aviation major at SJSU. "It's convenient and Frank gives a good haircut and uses a straight razor around the ears."

The third barber shop within walking distance of SJSU belongs to third-generation barber Jack Licursi, whose grandfather moved his family to San Jose after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and whose father built the current shop on East Santa Clara Street in 1926.

Licursi said his shop is the oldest family-owned barber shop in the

area.

"Before World War II there were seven barbers working in the shop," he said. "After the war there were five barbers."

But Licursi, who got his barber's license in 1941, now works alone.

"There really aren't many barbers left," he said. "Most of my clients are men but now I'm starting to get women by special appointment."

Market Street.

There's another picture of his father when he later opened a shop down the street on East Santa Clara Street and pictures of the shop, a few doors down, that Licursi now operates. Also on the wall is a newspaper article and picture of him selling lemonade as a child.

"Barbers are in demand," Licursi said. "There are very few."

Licursi said solo barbers are

common these days.

"I work alone, Frank works alone and the rock 'n' roll guy works alone," Licursi said, referring to the other two local barbers.

"Barbers are the only ones that can use a razor. You have to have a license."

He paused for a moment, thinking about the history of barbers and added, "They are also the oldest profession since prostitution."



The exterior of The Spartan Barber shop on South Fourth Street has been a familiar sight to patrons and motorists for over 40 years now.

that cover the wall.

Annino cuts hair, does shaves and trims beards in his two 100-year-old chairs.

"Staying current with the trends of the times has enabled me to compete with other barbershops," Annino said.

In the '90s, Annino said he remained innovative by giving a Euro-style cut in which the hair on the sides is cut short while

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Comedian pleads no contest to rape

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A traveling comedian who has been suspected in a series of rapes on college campuses pleaded no contest today to raping a University of Nebraska at Omaha teacher.

In their only concession in exchange for the plea, prosecutors agreed to delay Vinson Horace Champ's sentencing until his trial is completed in Lincoln on a charge of raping a woman at Union College.

Champ's plea in the UNO rape came as jury selection began for his trial in Douglas County District Court. Champ's attorney, James Martin Davis, said DNA evidence in the case weighed heavily in his client's decision to enter a plea.

Davis said his client has a better chance in the Lincoln case. But if Champ, 36, is convicted in Lincoln, Davis said he hopes the Douglas County judge will allow the sentences to run concurrently.

Champ, a former performer on "Star Search,"

also has been charged with raping a woman at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, and with attempted assault at Pasadena College in Pasadena, Calif.

Douglas County prosecutor Leigh Ann Retelsdorf said the victims in those attacks were prepared to testify in the Omaha case.

In each rape, the man spat on his victims, quizzed them about their sex lives and asked them to pray for him.

Champ came under scrutiny in the Midwest attacks after he was arrested in Pasadena and authorities there put out a notice to other states, noting that Champ was a traveling comedian.

There were reports of similar attacks at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill.; Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis.; and Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill.; but no charges have been brought in those cases.

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